

REMARKS

Reconsideration of the above-referenced application in view of the following remarks is respectfully requested.

Claims 1-11 were pending in this application. Non-elected Claims 1-8 and 11 are hereby cancelled without prejudice. New Claims 12-15 have been added. New Claim 13 differs from Claim 9 in that, in the final clause, "the second surface abuts the second cover so that the article is presented with the first side exposed following removal of the first cover."

Claims 1 and 2 (Applicant assumes the Examiner intended 9 and 10) stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as being anticipated by Pakeriasamy (U.S. Patent No. 5,848,702). Applicant respectfully traverses the rejection. For the claimed "covers", the Examiner points to Pakeriasamy's flippable carrier cover 14 as the claimed first cover, and to carrier tray 12 as the claimed second cover. The Examiner also asserts that Pakeriasamy's pocket 40 serves as the claimed "member" as well as the claimed "aperture". This single element of Pakeriasamy can be only a "member", or an "aperture", but it cannot be both. The Examiner also refers to both covers (i.e. Pakeriasamy's "μBGA carrier" 10) as the claimed "member", but as noted above, both elements of carrier 10, the covers 12 and 14, have been relied on by the Examiner as the claimed "covers". In summary, the claimed invention includes a member with an aperture therethrough, a feature clearly lacking in Pakeriasamy. Therefore, Applicant respectfully submits that the rejection is improper and should be withdrawn.

Applicant respectfully requests reconsideration and withdrawal of the rejections and allowance of Claims 9, 10, and 12-15. If the Examiner has any questions or other correspondence regarding this application, Applicant requests that the Examiner contact Applicant's attorney at the below listed telephone number and address.

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